

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(25)

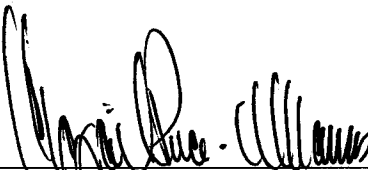
TO: Honorable Chairman Bruno A. Barreiro
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: September 4, 2007

FROM: Abigail Price-Williams
Acting County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution relating to
opening a Social Security
Administration Office in or
near Florida City or
Homestead

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Commissioner Dennis C. Moss.



Abigail Price-Williams
Acting County Attorney

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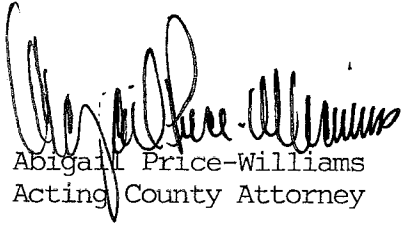


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Please note any items checked.

_____ "4-Day Rule" ("3-Day Rule" for committees) applicable if raised

_____ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing

_____ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing

_____ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget

_____ Budget required

_____ Statement of fiscal impact required

_____ Bid waiver requiring County Manager's written recommendation

_____ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Manager's report for public hearing

_____ Housekeeping item (no policy decision required)

_____ No committee review

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Approved _____ Mayor

Agenda Item No. 11(A) (25)

Veto _____

09-04-07

Override _____

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION URGING THE U.S. CONGRESS AND/OR THE
U.S. COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY TO OPEN A
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION OFFICE IN OR NEAR
FLORIDA CITY OR HOMESTEAD

WHEREAS, the Cities of Florida City and Homestead are both growing cities with a population of over 9,000 and 43,000 respectively as of 2006; and

WHEREAS, the closest social security office is located on Caribbean Boulevard in the Town of Cutler Bay, which is more than 10 miles from Homestead and more than 13 miles from Florida City; and

WHEREAS, opening a Social Security Administration in Florida City or Homestead will better serve not only these two communities but also all of South Miami-Dade County and the Upper Keys, with the only other Social Security Administration Office in Monroe County being in Key West,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that this Board:

Section 1. Urges the U.S. Congress or the U.S. Commissioner of Social Security to open a Social Security Administration office in Florida City or Homestead.

Section 2. Directs the Clerk of the Board to transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the members of the Miami-Dade County Congressional Delegation, the Commissioner of Social Security, and the Mayor and members of the Monroe Board of County Commissioners.

Section 3. Directs the County's federal lobbyists to advocate for the passage of the legislation and/or achievement of the administrative action set forth in Section 1 above, and directs

the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to include this item in the 2007 and 2008 Federal Legislative Package.

The foregoing resolution was sponsored by Commissioner Dennis C. Moss and offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Bruno A. Barreiro, Chairman	
Barbara J. Jordan, Vice-Chairwoman	
Jose "Pepe" Diaz	Audrey M. Edmonson
Carlos A. Gimenez	Sally A. Heyman
Joe A. Martinez	Dennis C. Moss
Dorrin D. Rolle	Natacha Seijas
Katy Sorenson	Rebeca Sosa
Sen. Javier D. Souto	

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 4th day of September, 2007. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.

JMM

Jess M. McCarty

MARIO DIAZ-BALART
25TH DISTRICT, FLORIDA

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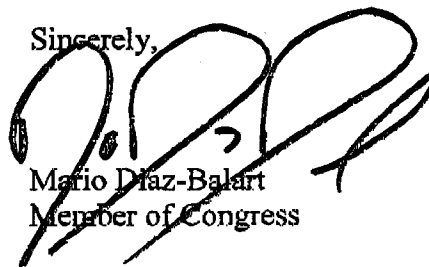
May 16, 2007

Mr. Dennis C. Moss
Miami Dade County Commissioner
District 9
111 NW First Street, Suite 320
Miami, FL 33128

Dear Commissioner Moss:

Please find enclosed my letter to Social Security Commissioner Michael J. Astrue requesting his consideration of a Social Security office in the Homestead and Florida City areas. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Mario Diaz-Balart
Member of Congress

Enclosures

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MARIO DIAZ-BALART
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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May 14, 2007

The Honorable Michael J. Astrue
Commissioner
Social Security Administration
500 E Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20254

Dear Commissioner Astrue:

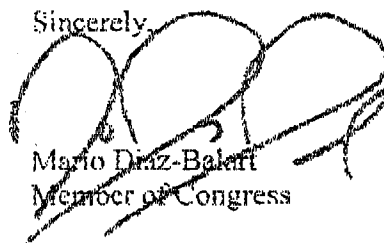
I appreciate the hard work by you and your staff on behalf of all eligible persons for Social Security benefits. To improve this process, I am writing to request that the Social Security Administration give thorough consideration to the development of a site in the Homestead and Florida City area in South Florida for processing Social Security claims and applications to meet the growing demands of this region.

As you know, Homestead and Florida City are located south of the metropolitan area of Miami, and both are growing rapidly. According to the U.S. Census Bureau, the City of Homestead grew at an astounding rate of 12.4 percent between 1990 and 2000. Growth from 2000 to 2003 was 7.1 percent.

Citizens of Homestead and Florida City are required to travel to surrounding communities because there are no Social Security offices south of Cutler Bay. Large growth on top of the complex and time-consuming processes of Social Security impose terrible inconveniences for constituents in need of these services.

As a result of the rapid population growth in South Florida, addressing this issue should be a priority. I respectfully request that SSA give careful consideration to the feasibility of developing an additional site in South Florida for processing and receiving Social Security beneficiaries and applicants. I look forward to working with you and your staff on this issue.

Sincerely,



Mario Diaz-Balart
Member of Congress

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